

Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the State Highway Administration proposes to amend **Regulation .06** under **COMAR 11.04.04 Oversize and Overweight Vehicles — Escort Vehicles, Signing, and Lighting**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to increase from 65 tons to 75 tons the weight limit over which a police escort would be required. This would bring COMAR into current practice which relies more on private escort services, provide for assignment of law enforcement escorts when it is more appropriate and reduce the impact police escort requirements have on available law enforcement personnel resources.

Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 04 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

11.04.04 Oversize and Overweight Vehicles—Escort Vehicles, Signing, and Lighting

Authority: Transportation Article, §§2-103(b), 4-205(f), 8-204(b)—(d), 24-112, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Police Escort.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. The permittee shall provide for police escort for any permit move which is 16 feet wide or more or in excess of [65] 75 tons gross weight.
- C. The State Highway Administration Hauling Permits Unit may require police escort [in any other case] if:
 - (1) *The permit move has a gross weight between 65 and 75 tons;*
 - (2) [traffic] *Traffic* will have to be diverted or stopped[, or if];
 - (3) [the] *The* move will affect either:
 - (a) [two] *Two* or more lanes of traffic on a highway having two or more lanes in one direction; or
 - (b) [both] *Both* lanes of traffic on a highway having only one lane in each direction[.]; or
 - (4) [under any circumstance] *The circumstances are* considered necessary for public safety.
- D. (text unchanged)

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